

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Accelerated Reader program is now running successfully across the school, and all the children are using it confidently. The children are really enjoying taking the quizzes after completing each book, and all the teachers feel the majority of children are more engaged with their reading.

A few parents have raised concerns that the Accelerated Reader books that their children are bringing home are at a lower level than those they have read previously. The reason for this is because although they may be able to read and enjoy books at a higher level, they do not, necessarily, understand all of the language and vocabulary that is used. This is highlighted when they complete their termly Star Test, which focuses on language, vocabulary and comprehension. The results of their Star Test determine the reading range from which they are able to select books.

If your child is having problems finding books from their reading band that they find engaging, please speak to their teacher. If your child is reading other books at home then we would encourage them to bring those books into school and take a quiz on them if there is one available.

This website www.arbookfind.co.uk shows which books have quizzes available. You can use it to check if there is a quiz for a home book or if you want to look for books at the right level for your child.

The children will be completing another Star Test shortly, to reassess their reading range. Please don't worry if your child is bringing home easier books than normal towards the end of each term. If your child has reached the top of their reading range, they are encouraged to read any books from within their range to help promote their vocabulary and understanding of language. Once they complete the Star Test, they should move to a new reading range.

We are very grateful for the enthusiastic response towards Accelerated Reader from the majority of parents. Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read at home for at least twenty minutes every day, discussing their books with them and checking how they are getting on with their quizzes. It would also be beneficial if you would encourage your child to write down any unfamiliar vocabulary in their reading journal or on a separate notepad, and then discuss the meaning of these words with them. Also, if your child has recently started using Accelerated Reader, then please ask them about their sunflower.

If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Newton Poppleford Primary School